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SUBJECT: " ZAVIDOVO" TRIAL POSTPONED

REF: HELSINKI 1241

1. THE TRIAL IN HELSINKI MUNICIPAL COURT OF ANTERO JYRANKI, THE PRESIDENT' S CHIEF OF CHANCERY, AND SEPPO LINDBLOM, FORMER MINISTER OF INDUSTRY BEGAN ON MAY 18 BUT WAS ALMOST IMMEDIATELY RECESSED UNTIL JUNE 15. JYRANKI WAS PRESENT WHILE LINDBLOM WAS REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL. BOTH MEN PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO CHARGES OF CRIMINAL ACTS IN DISCLOSING CONTENTS OF PRESIDENT KEKKONEN' S SECRET MEMCON OF DISCUSSIONS WITH BREZHNEV LAST AUGUST TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS. IN AN 18 PAGE REBUTTAL OF THE CHARGES, JYRANKI OUTLINED HIS CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRESIDENT. HE ALSO CLAIMED HE HAD INADVERTENTLY PASSED THE SECRET MEMCON TO RADIO DIRECTOR EINO REPO WITH A BATCH OF 200 OTHER SELECTED DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE PRESIDENCY. HIS PURPOSE WAS TO OBTAIN REPO' S JUDGMENT OF THE HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE DOCUMENTS FOR HIS FUTURE ACADEMIC

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RESEARCH. REPO, HE SAID, HAD BEEN A FAMILY FRIEND OF THE KEKKONENS FOR OVER 20 YEARS.

2. JOURNALIST TOR HOGNAS, WHO PUBLISHED EXCERPTS FROM THE SECRET MEMCON ON OCTOBER 31, 1972, AND WHO HAS STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO NAME HIS INFORMANT, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE AND TWO OTHER JOURNALISTS ARE WORKING ON A BOOK ON THE " ZAVIDOVO CASE" WHICH WILL REVEAL HITHERTO UNPUBLISHED INFORMATION.

3. JYRANKI' S STATEMENT EVOKED SOME PRESS REACTION, MOST OF WHICH PONDERED THE JYRNAKI/ KEKKONEN RELATIONSHIP AND THE DEGREE TO WHICH JYRANKI, A SELF- STYLED LEFT-WING SOCIAL DEMOCRAT, HAD INFLUENCED THE PRESIDENT AND VICE VERSA.  
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